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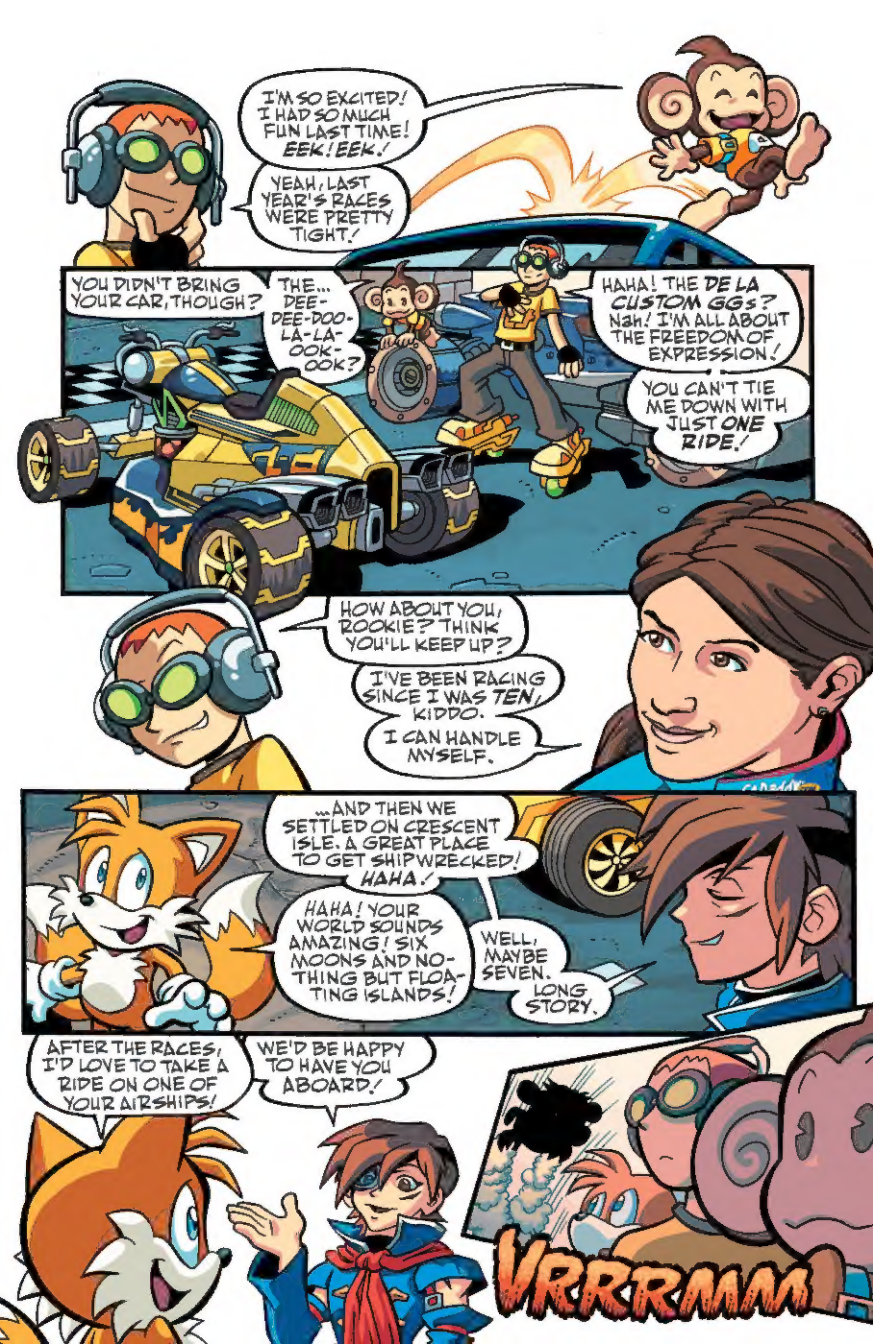
I'M SO EXCITED! I HAD SO MUCH FUN LAST TIME! EEK! EEK!
YEAH, LAST YEAR'S RACES WERE PRETTY TIGHT!
YOU DIDN'T BRING YOUR CAR, THOUGH?
THE... DEE-DEE-DOO-LA-LA-OOK-OOK?
HAHA! THE DE LA CUSTOM GGs? Nah! I'M ALL ABOUT THE FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION!
YOU CAN'T TIE ME DOWN WITH JUST ONE RIDE!
HOW ABOUT YOU, ROOKIE? THINK YOU'LL KEEP UP?
I'VE BEEN RACING SINCE I WAS TEN, KIDDO.
I CAN HANDLE MYSELF.
...AND THEN WE SETTLED ON CRESCENT ISLE. A GREAT PLACE TO GET SHIPWRECKED! HAHA!
HAHA! YOUR WORLD SOUNDS AMAZING! SIX MOONS AND NOTHING BUT FLOATING ISLANDS!
WELL, MAYBE SEVEN. LONG STORY.
AFTER THE RACES, I'D LOVE TO TAKE A RIDE ON ONE OF YOUR AIRSHIPS!
WE'D BE HAPPY TO HAVE YOU ABOARD!
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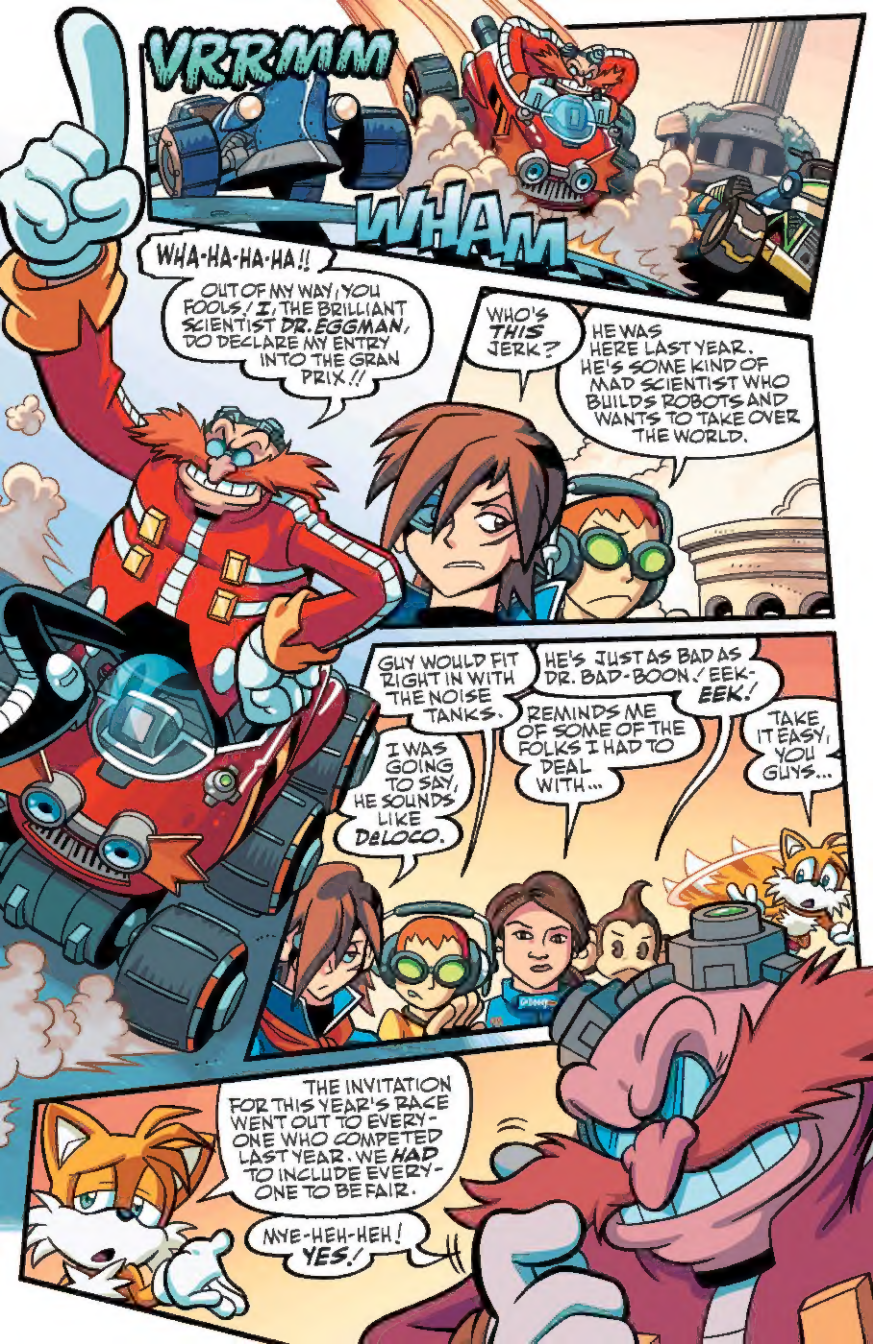
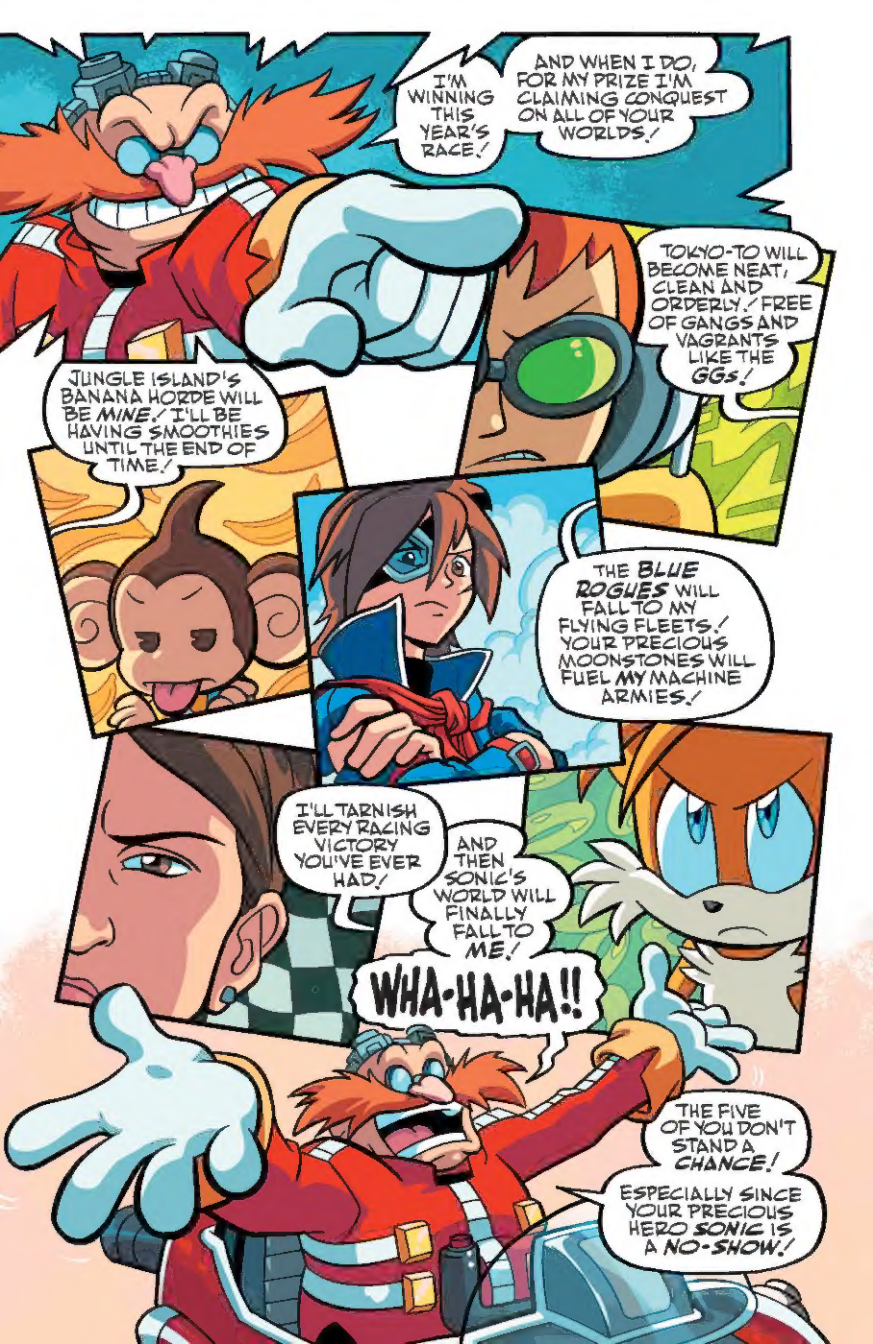

VRRMM
WHAM
WHA-HA-HA-HA!!
OUT OF MY WAY, YOU FOOLS! I, THE BRILLIANT SCIENTIST DR. EGGMAN, DO DECLARE MY ENTRY INTO THE GRAN PRIX!!
WHO'S THIS JERK?
HE WAS HERE LAST YEAR. HE'S SOME KIND OF MAD SCIENTIST WHO BUILDS ROBOTS AND WANTS TO TAKE OVER THE WORLD.
GUY WOULD FIT RIGHT IN WITH THE NOISE TANKS.
HE'S JUST AS BAD AS DR. BAD-BOON. EEK-EEK!
REMINDS ME OF SOME OF THE FOLKS I HAD TO DEAL WITH...
TAKE IT EASY, YOU GUYS...
I WAS GOING TO SAY, HE SOUNDS LIKE DeLOCO.
THE INVITATION FOR THIS YEAR'S RACE WENT OUT TO EVERYONE WHO COMPETED LAST YEAR. WE HAD TO INCLUDE EVERYONE TO BE FAIR.
MYE-HEH-HEH! YES!


I'M WINNING THIS YEAR'S RACE!
AND WHEN I DO, FOR MY PRIZE I'M CLAIMING CONQUEST ON ALL OF YOUR WORLDS!
TOKYO-TO WILL BECOME NEAT, CLEAN AND ORDERLY! FREE OF GANGS AND VAGRANTS LIKE THE GGs!
JUNGLE ISLAND'S BANANA HORDE WILL BE MINE! I'LL BE HAVING SMOOTHIES UNTIL THE END OF TIME!
THE BLUE ROGUES WILL FALL TO MY FLYING FLEETS! YOUR PRECIOUS MOONSTONES WILL FUEL MY MACHINE ARMIES!
I'LL TARNISH EVERY RACING VICTORY YOU'VE EVER HAD!
AND THEN SONIC'S WORLD WILL FINALLY FALL TO ME!
WHA-HA-HA!!
THE FIVE OF YOU DON'T STAND A CHANCE!
ESPECIALLY SINCE YOUR PRECIOUS HERO SONIC IS A NO-SHOW!

BONK
GYEEP!
RRRTTTT
SORRY I'M FASHIONABLY LATE, GUYS. I COULDN'T DECIDE IF I WANTED TO DO THIS ONE ON FOOT OR DRIVE.
SONIC!
DR. EGGMAN SAYS HE'S GOING TO CONQUER EVERYONE'S WORLD AFTER HE WINS THE RACE!

AND I WILL, TOO! MY TRANSFORMING RACER CAN HANDLE ANY TERRAIN!
UH-HUH.
DOES THAT THING RUN ON DENIAL?
ALRIGHT, GUYS, I KNOW WE CAN BEAT THIS EGG! RACERS, START YOUR ENGINES!
3
VRRMM
2
VRRMM
1
VRRMM
ZOOOMM
GO!

KRASH
WHOOPS!
BONK
CLUMSY ME.

HONK HONK HONK HONK HONK
YOU HEAR ANYTHING, BEAT?
JUST THE DOWNBEAT TO VICTORY.
I LIKE YOUR STYLE!
Tsk-Tsk! SUCH DIS-COURTEOUS DRIVERS.
HAHAHA!

TOO BAD YOU WEREN'T IN THE RACE LAST YEAR...
KRASH
...YOU WOULD'VE KNOWN TO STAY OUT OF MY WAY!!
HAHAHA!
BUMP
HELPING OUT PEOPLE IN THEIR TIME OF NEED -- YOU'D MAKE A GREAT BLUE ROGUE!
I'VE ALREADY GOT THE COLOR DOWN, DON'T I?

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WOO! VICTORY IS AS GOOD AS MINE.
THIS IS BAD. HE'S ALREADY PULLED AHEAD.
WE'RE HAVING A RACE, AND YOU'RE SERIOUSLY NOT BETTING ON ME?
SONIC!
ALRIGHT-ALRIGHT...
LISTEN UP, GUYS! THE DOC MAY BE FULL OF DIRTY TRICKS, BUT HE CAN'T TAKE US ALL ON AT ONCE!
WE RACE HARD, WE RACE FAST, AND RACE TOGETHER, AND WE'VE GOT HIM.
NOW-- STEP ON IT!!

VWOOOSH
WATCH WHERE YOU'RE DRIVING, YOU--!
BAHT-BA-DAT
AHH! MY PAINT JOB!!
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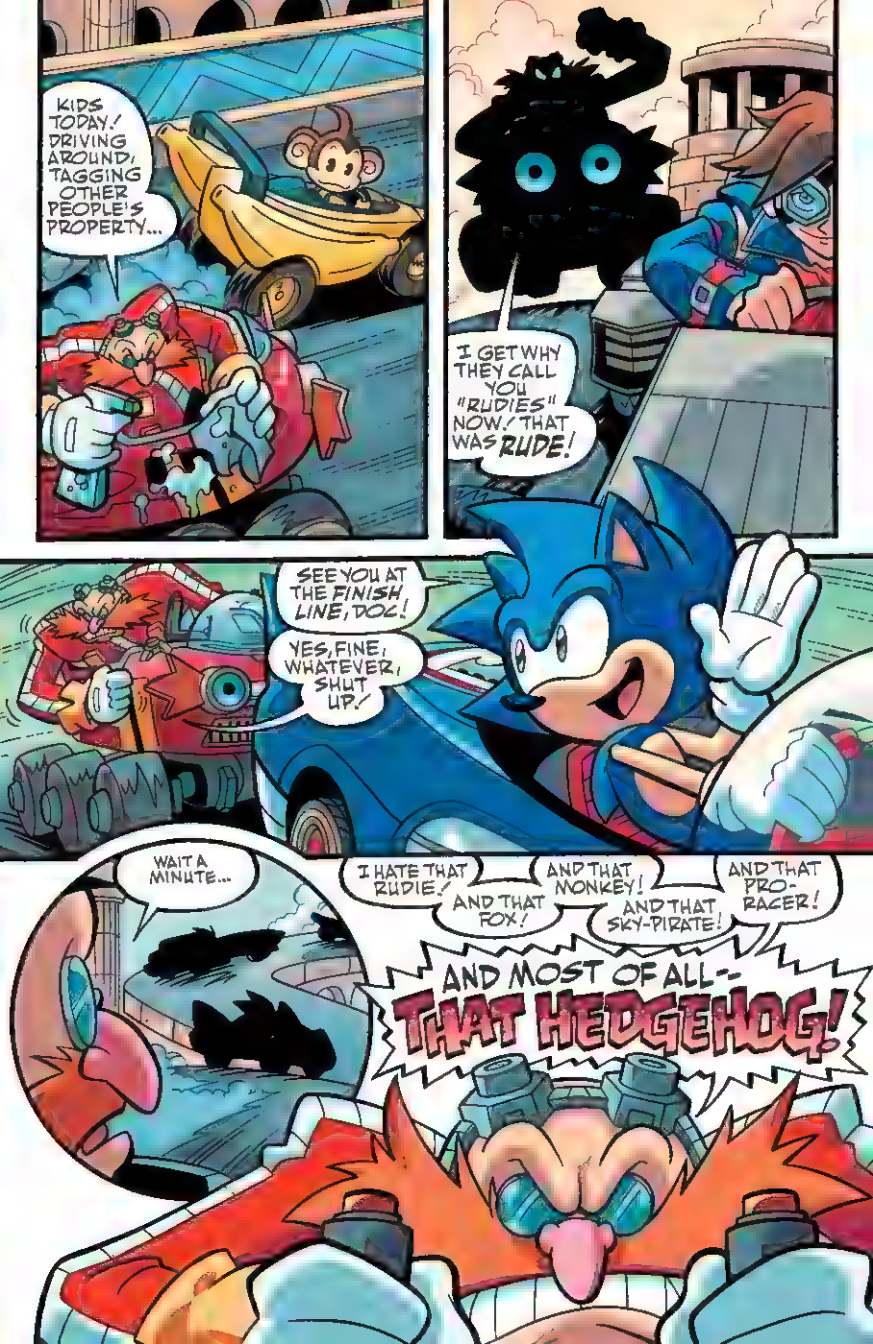
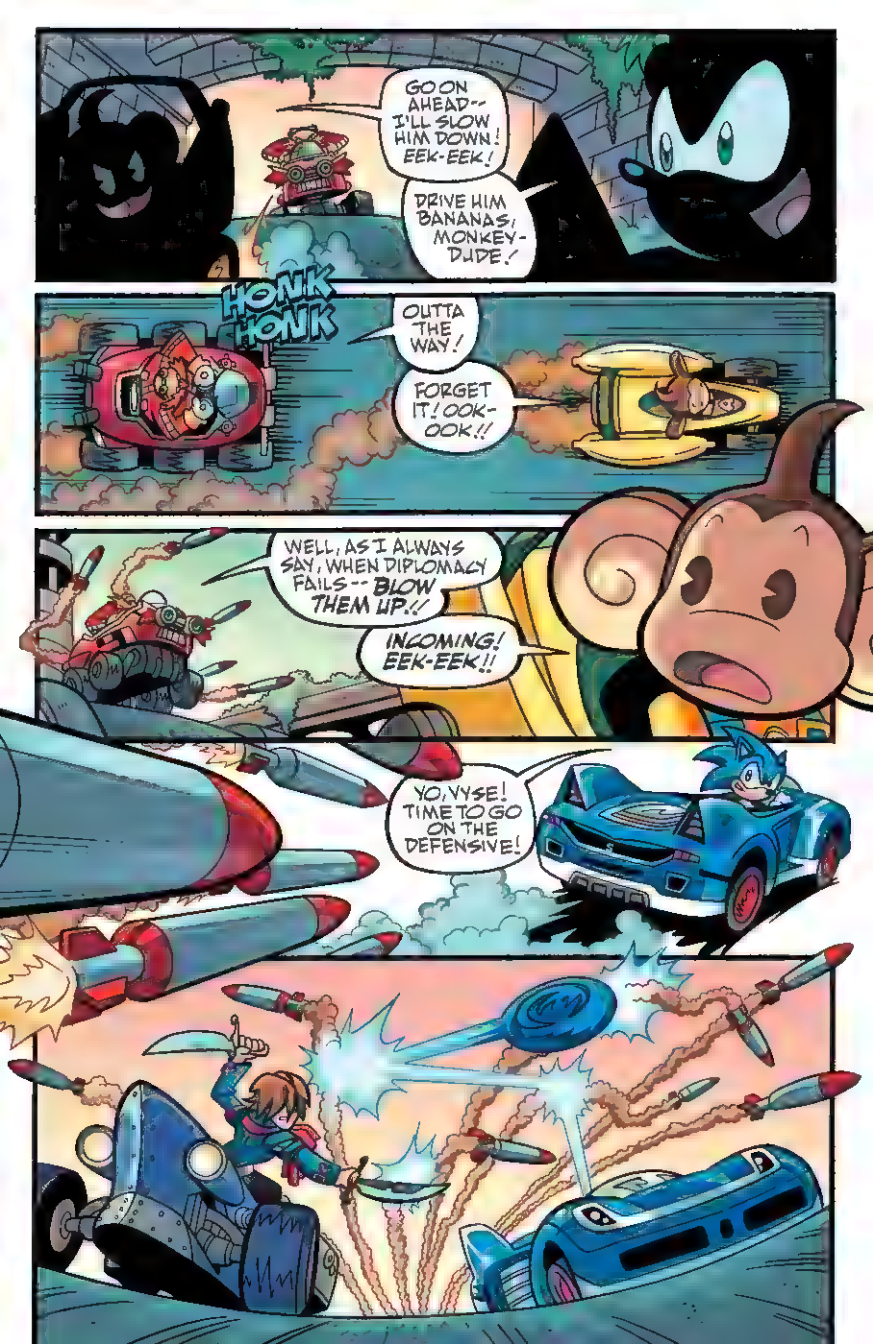
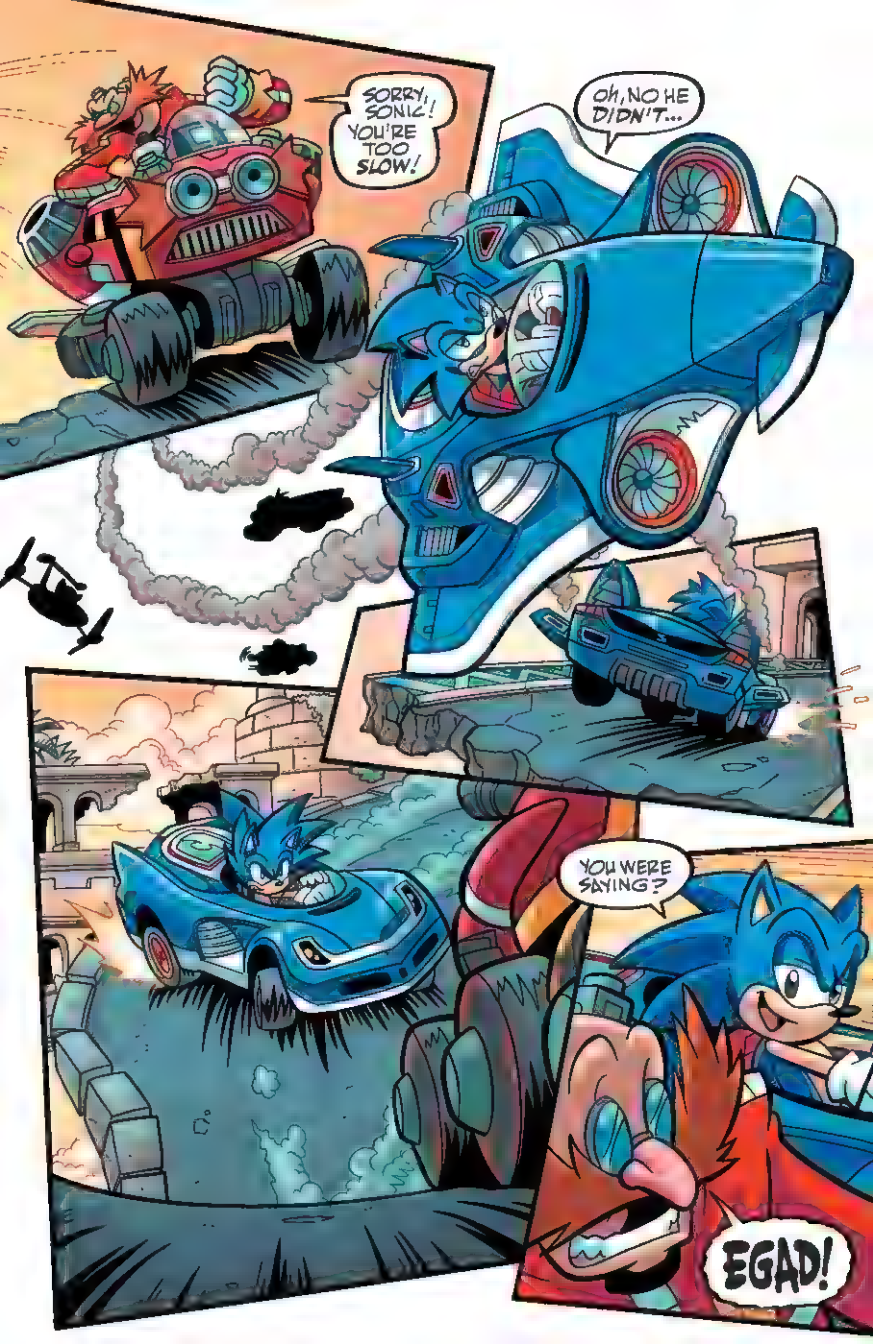

KIDS TODAY! DRIVING AROUND, TAGGING OTHER PEOPLE'S PROPERTY...
I GET WHY THEY CALL YOU "RUDIES" NOW! THAT WAS RUDE!
SEE YOU AT THE FINISH LINE, DOC!
YES, FINE, WHATEVER, SHUT UP!
WAIT A MINUTE...
I HATE THAT RUDIE!
AND THAT FOX!
AND THAT MONKEY!
AND THAT SKY-PIRATE!
AND THAT PRO-RACER!
AND MOST OF ALL--
THAT HEDGEHOG!


GO ON AHEAD-- I'LL SLOW HIM DOWN! EEK-EEK!
DRIVE HIM BANANAS, MONKEY-DUDE!
HONK HONK
OUTTA THE WAY!
FORGET IT! OOK-OOK!!
WELL, AS I ALWAYS SAY, WHEN DIPLOMACY FAILS-- BLOW THEM UP!!
INCOMING! EEK-EEK!!
YO, VYSE! TIME TO GO ON THE DEFENSIVE!

RRRUMMBLE
HA!


SORRY, SONIC! YOU'RE TOO SLOW!
OH, NO HE DIDN'T...
YOU WERE SAYING?
EGAD!

GAH!
YOU WOULDN'T--!
AAIIEEE!

SKREEEEEEEE
THIS ISN'T OVER!
I NEVER GET TIRED OF THAT./
YOU GUYS WERE AWESOME BACK THERE./ THAT'S THE BEST RACING I'VE EVER SEEN./ NO WONDER EVERYONE CALLS US "ALL-STARS!"
YEAH!

THERE'S JUST ONE PROBLEM...
WHAT'S THAT?
FINISH
...WE CROSSED THE FINISH LINE!
WAS ANYONE WATCHING TO SEE WHO CROSSED FIRST?
YEAH!
WELL, THEN-- I GUESS IT JUST MEANS WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO RACE MORE!
FOLLOW ME. I KNOW OF ANOTHER SWEET TRACK!

AND THE RACE GOES ON!
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it's the hundred word editorial commentary dash!

Gotta go faster, faster, FASTER! FASTER! FASTER!

There you have it, the intro to Sega's newest hit game SONIC & ALL STARS RACING TRANSFORMED! Wanna send a big shout out to Aaron and Cindy at Sega for all the help on this great issue! Make sure you all race to your local video game retailer this November and pick up this sweet new game or run the risk of getting left in the dust! I know what I'LL be doing that weekend – sure hope no books are due the following Monday!

NEAR FINAL COVER PENCILS FOR SU #44 BY TRACY YARDLEY!

Next issue we kick off our next complete Sonic Universe story arc, CHAOTIX QUEST, which follows Vector, Espio and Charmy as they go searching for their missing comrades Mighty & Ray! It's the story Sonic fans have been demanding since the chaotic duo embarked on their adventure back in Sonic the Hedgehog #212! (missed STH #212? Check it out on the Sonic comic app available now! plugplugplug)

SEE YA NEXT MONTH!

- Paul

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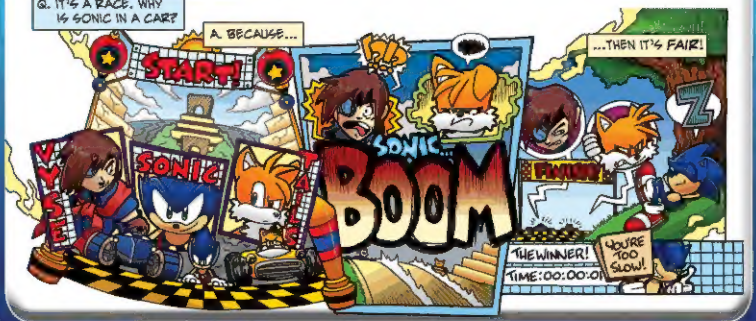

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WHEN THERE'S SOMETHING STRANGE IN MERCIA, WHO YOU GONNA CALL? TEAM CHAOTIX OF COURSE! JOIN THE JOURNEY IN...

"ALL FOR ONE PART I of 4"

ON SALE THE WEEK OF 11/27/12!

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GO TEAM SONIC!

SONIC TAKES ON EGGMAN'S MISCHIEF IN THIS SPECIAL SEGA TIE-IN ISUE-- PLUS THE LEAD IN STORY TO THE EPIC SAGA, "ENDANGERED SPECIES"!

"OLYMPIC TRIALS"

ON SALE THE WEEK OF 11/6/12

Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'
Just wanted to comment a bit on Sonic Universe, and to sum it up in two words: it's awesome.

It most certainly is!

I'll start with "Secret Freedom." Love the story, love the action, and love Silver (he's got to be my favorite!).

Silver is a pretty cool dude. He's got super awesome psychokinetic powers, fashionable boots, and the craziest hair style ever!

Second would be from what I hear about (deep breath) Sonic and Sega All Stars Racing: Transformed. Could you guys thank Sega for having you guys do a story adaption? Thanks.

Your thanks will be sent at supersonic speed!

The fact that Danica Patrick is in it is all the more cooler. I'm both a Sonic and automotive enthusiast, and this is a wonderful fusion! I'd love to hear you guys, and keep on juicin!

Darren L.
sent to sonic@archiecomics.com

Thanks, Darren! We hope you enjoyed the racing story as much as we did making it!

Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'
I just finished reading issue 44. First of all, the ending sent chills down my spine, so kudos to you guys!

Your kudos is much appreciated! Naugus just keeps getting creepier and creepier.

Second, I can't believe it looks like Sally is the traitor! Can you guys give me a sneak peek into the future? Even the smallest of hints? The suspense is killing me! I'm nearly as impatient as Sonic himself!

Your excited and most restless fan
Andrew K. sent to sonic@archiecomics.com

Thanks for writing in, Andrew! It looks that way doesn't it? But looks can be deceiving! You'll just have to read on to find out!

Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'
My name's Aaron, and I'm a huge fan of the comics. I have been since I was young, and I've collected them since. But, in recent years, I haven't gotten many of the comics and I regret it. But, since the Archives and the Sonic Super Specials came out, I've been all caught up.

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I gotta say the stories are flawless and the art is amazing. Gotta love Tracy Yardley! and Ben Bates. And now for questions. :D

Fire away!

1) Will Mecha Sally ever be De-roboticized?

Only time can tell... or Ian. Whichever comes first.

2) What was going through Jonathan Gray's mind when he drew the Human-mutated Ixis Naugus in the Off-Panel of the third part of the Secret Freedom of SU? It's hilarious!

All of the things were going through his mind. That, or Jon Gray is just plain crazy! :)

Well, I'm out of questions, unfortunately. You guys are awesome and KEEP ON JUICIN' !

HUGE FAN,
Aaron B.sent to sonic@archiecomics.com

Thanks, Aaron!

SEE Y'ALL NEXT MONTH!

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